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Week ending September 18, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 18, 2011**. Rain showers slowed some field work last week, but farmers were still able to harvest considerable acres of soybeans and sorghum. The weather disrupted some cotton defoliation. Peanut harvest started, and a new event, dug, has been added to help distinguish the removal of the plant from the ground and the actual harvest. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 29 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending September 18, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested	96	92	99	88
Cotton, open bolls	85	78	95	84
Cotton, harvested	11	5	34	16
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	93	91	94	93
Peanuts, dug	4	--	--	--
Peanuts, harvested	1	--	14	10
Rice, mature	98	89	99	94
Rice, harvested	65	55	77	56
Sorghum, coloring	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, mature	97	92	100	98
Sorghum, harvested	77	37	91	78
Soybeans, turning color	88	79	93	88
Soybeans, dropping leaves	69	58	78	74
Soybeans, harvested	31	18	54	48
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	45	33	53	33
Winter Wheat, planted	4	--	2	1

Crop condition for week ending September 18, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	1	6	27	49	17
Hay	3	27	35	32	3
Livestock	0	12	49	28	11
Pasture	4	21	40	32	3
Peanuts	0	4	32	55	9
Rice	1	5	28	49	17
Sorghum	1	6	24	61	8
Soybeans	2	7	20	57	14
Sweet Potatoes	2	6	24	53	15

Comments

“The soybean and rice harvests are in full swing. There are some issues with blanks and straight heads on later planted rice, likely caused by extreme heat. No rains last week kept combines going in all fields that were ready. Some early dryland cotton has been picked but the bulk of cotton acres still need a few more weeks.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Some defoliant went out on cotton this week. All grain crops are coming out as they get ready with the exception of corn; it's just about over. Most cattlemen are at the end of their hay production for this year.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Cool weather is slowing defoliation, but we will start again the first of the week. Corn harvest is wrapping up and soybeans are starting to drop leaves. No fall armyworms right now but we are expecting a flight to start next week.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Sweet potato harvest is in full swing and soybean harvest should start in the next two weeks.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Harvest for grains is moving along very fast. Cotton harvest is progressing. There are some producers having problems with defoliation. The weather has been variable and some of the chemicals used for defoliation have not worked properly.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Soybean harvest is about to start in the coming week. Cotton defoliation has begun in most fields. Rains this past week reached over five to six inches in many areas of the county, which helped fill farm ponds and help finish out the late cotton and soybean crops.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Overnight rains will stop all harvesting. Some cotton has been picked.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Sweet potatoe and soybean harvests have started. Most of the cotton has been defoliated and harvest should begin this week on some early defoliated cotton.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Growers are giving their full attention to cotton, soybean, and rice harvests, with fall tillage work occurring behind the harvested corn crop.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain forecast for this week will potentially complicate harvesting of cotton, soybeans, and other crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Fall planting of winter forages is just around the corner for many producers. It has gotten pretty dry within the past week or so, and some planted acres will have to have a rain before emergence occurs.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rains on Sunday really helped our moisture situation. Most of the county received a good rain. Hay yields are low. Some ryegrass has been planted and more will go in after this rain. Cotton and peanuts look good, harvest should start next week.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 18, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	92	55	70	75	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	1.00
Cleveland	98	56	73	76	-3	0.04	-0.73	3	0.04
Lambert 5E	93	53	72			0.00	-0.77	0	3.06
Tunica 2	94	55	72	74	-2	0.06	-0.57	2	0.38
Extreme/Average	98	53	72	75	-3	0.03	-0.71	1	1.12
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	92	52	71	73	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	2.50
Hickory Flat	91	48	68	72	-4	0.26	-0.69	2	3.56
Holly Springs 4	93	48	71	71	0	0.43	-0.41	1	1.00
Independence 1W	93	51	71	73	-2	0.00	-0.84	0	0.47
University	93	50	71	73	-2	0.00	-0.90	0	5.65
Extreme/Average	93	48	70	73	-3	0.14	-0.70	1	2.64
Northeast									
Booneville	88	49	68	72	-4	0.47	-0.43	1	7.99
Corinth City	90	50	69	74	-5	0.00	-1.05	0	3.84
Pontotoc Exp Stn	90	53	72	74	-2	0.01	-0.97	1	3.48
Verona Exp	92	50	71	74	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	5.02
Extreme/Average	92	49	70	73	-3	0.12	-0.86	1	5.08
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	91	55	73	76	-3	0.67	0.01	2	1.29
Moorhead	95	55	73	76	-3	0.03	-0.80	1	1.70
Rolling Fork	96	55	74	75	-1	0.02	-0.68	1	2.23
Yazoo City 5NNE	96	55	75	76	-1	0.15	-0.48	1	2.50
Extreme/Average	96	55	74	76	-2	0.22	-0.49	1	1.93
Central									
Canton	93	53	74	76	-2	0.77	0.07	1	6.63
Carthage 3SW	92	54	74	75	-1	0.00	-0.84	0	9.33
Forest 3S	93	50	73	75	-2	0.04	-0.84	1	13.31
Kosciusko	92	53	72	75	-3	0.00	-0.84	0	4.68
Winona 5E	89	52	69	71	-2	0.00	-0.90	0	2.63
Extreme/Average	93	50	72	75	-3	0.16	-0.68	0	7.32
East-Central									
Aberdeen	90	53	71	74	-3	0.02	-0.88	1	2.70
Columbus	92	51	69	76	-7	0.00	-0.87	0	5.76
Macon 2E	88	51	68	75	-7	0.00	-0.86	0	7.39
State University	94	49	72	74	-2	0.00	-0.84	0	5.66
Extreme/Average	94	49	70	75	-5	0.01	-0.88	0	5.38
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	92	52	73	76	-3	0.00	-0.91	0	8.63
Crystal Springs	92	56	75	76	-1	0.05	-1.01	1	8.21
Natchez	92	54	73	77	-4	0.00	-0.86	0	6.18
Vicksburg	90	55	73			0.15	0.00	1	6.28
Extreme/Average	92	52	74	76	-2	0.05	-0.86	1	7.33
South-Central									
Collins	91	55	73	76	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	9.05
Columbia	93	58	74	77	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	8.74
Monticello	97	57	75	76	-1	0.00	-0.91	0	0.18
Raleigh	91	51	72			0.07		2	9.32
Extreme/Average	97	51	74	77	-3	0.02	-0.96	1	6.82
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	91	56	74	77	-3	0.00	-1.03	0	12.47
Laurel	92			76		0.00	-1.05	0	6.30
Newton Exp	94	52	72	75	-3	0.12	-0.72	1	6.35
Waynesboro 2W	93	54	73	75	-2	0.00	-1.12	0	7.71
Extreme/Average	94	52	73	76	-3	0.03	-0.95	0	8.21
State	98	48	72	75	-3	0.09	-0.79	1	5.52

DFN = Departure from Normal.